

Chronological History of Union Tennessee Volunteers,  
6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Tennessee Infantry,  
Covering Soldier Rufus Manifee Wood  
Tour of Duty  
Arvin E Brown Compiler

Year 1861

April 12, 1861

The Civil War began in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina when the Confederates opened fire on Fort Sumter, April 12, 1861

Year 1862

March 6, 1862

About this date Colonel Joseph A. Cooper (a field officer) began the organization of this 6th Union regiment at Barboursville, Ky. just north of Middlesboro, Ky. under an appointment of the secretary of War, dated February 27, 1862.<sup>i</sup>

*Mch 11 to Aug 31, 1862      Pvt. Rufus M. Wood appears on Company Muster Roll as present. Next roll on file, Dec 1862 from second auditor's roll. Under remarks: Deserted since mustered: Burnham copyist <sup>iii</sup> (I have problems understanding this muster roll A.E.B.)*

April 18, 1862

This regiment was organized at Boston and Williamsburg, Ky. <sup>ii</sup>  
The regiment consisted of seven companies (possibly eight)  
It was Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Edward Maynard (a field officer). Majors were William C. Pickens and Alexander Marion Gamble.

Captains; Co. "A"-- Alexander Marion Gamble & Thomas D. Edington

Captains; Co. "B"—Spencer Deaton & James M. Armstrong

Captains: Co. "C"—Rufus M. Bennett, William L. Lea & Adam T. Cottrell

Captains; Co "D" —Marcus D. Bearden

Captains: Co. "E" —William Ausmus

Captains; Co. "F" Archable Myers

Captains; **Company "G"**-- Francis H. Bounds and Alfred M. Cate.<sup>i</sup>

April 18, 1862

*Rufus Manifee Wood enrolled as an enlisted man in Company "G" Enrollment location was Knox County, Tenn. He enrolled for a period of 3 years.<sup>iii</sup>*

Mr Brown's grandfather

April 23, 1862      Hardie Russell<sup>←Brown</sup> mustered into service of the United States as an enlisted man by Col. Joseph A. Cooper U.S. Vols <sup>iii</sup>

April 30, 1862      *Rufus M. Manifee was reported present on the Company Muster Roll, Co. G, 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't East Tennessee Inf. Moore copyist <sup>iii</sup>*

April, 1862      Moved to Cumberland Ford (located at Pineville, KY.) <sup>ii</sup>

April to June 1862      Cumberland Gap Campaign <sup>ii</sup>

May 18, 1862      *Pri. Rufus M. Wood appears on Company Muster-in Roll, Captain Bound's Co., 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't East Tenn. Inf.; Camp Pine Knot, Tenn, Muster- date May 18, 1862. When Joined for duty and enrolled Apr. 18, 1862. Where Knox. Co. Tenn. Period 3 years. Book mark; see (3?)421-A-A.G.O. ??? E.W. Moore copyist <sup>iii</sup>*

June 10, 1862      The regiment was reported stationed at Archer's, Tennessee, until June 10, 1862, when with the rest of the brigade, it moved to Big Creek Gap where it had several minor engagements. <sup>i</sup>  
(I wonder if this could be Arthur, TN just south of Harrogate, TN.?)

June 11, and 15, 1862      Big Creek Gap  
The regiment had several minor engagements. <sup>ii</sup>

June 18 – Sept 17, 1862      Occupation of Cumberland Gap <sup>ii</sup>

June 18, 1862      The regiment reached Cumberland Gap. <sup>i</sup>

July 15, 1862      Wallace Cross Roads <sup>ii</sup> ( I have not located )(AEB)

July 16, 1862      The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Regiments surprised four companies of McLin's Tennessee Calvary ( Rogers' 1<sup>st</sup>) under Captain Mims, and captured all their baggage and equipment, with four or five men.

Sept. 4, 1862      Big Creek Gap <sup>ii</sup>

Sept. 6 –10, 1862      Expedition to Pine Mountain <sup>ii</sup>

Sept. 7, 1862	Pine Mountain ( Company "B" ) <sup>ii</sup>
Sept. 6-10, 1862	A portion of the regiment went with an expedition under Colonel Cooper against a Confederate camp on Pine mountain which routed the Confederates and captured the major part of the command. <sup>i</sup>
<b><i>Sept 10, 1862</i></b>	<b><i>Rufus M. Wood deserted at Cumberland Gap, shows on a Feb. 7, 1864 "Descriptive List of Deserters" report. Fletcher; copyist <sup>iii</sup></i></b>
Sept. 17, 1862	General Morgan evacuated Cumberland Gap. <sup>i</sup>
Sept 17 – Oct. 3, 1862	Evacuation of Cumberland Gap and retreat to Greenupsburg, Ky. (present day Greenup, Ky.) <sup>ii</sup>
Sept. 19, 1862	Goose Creek Salt Works <sup>ii</sup> ( I have not located)(AEB)
<u>Oct 1862</u>	Attached to the 25 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, 7 <sup>th</sup> Division, Army of Ohio <sup>ii</sup>
Till Nov., 1862	Near Gallipolis, Ohio, and operations in the Kenawha Valley, W. Va. <sup>ii</sup>
	General Morgan, at Portland, Ohio, listed the 6 <sup>th</sup> Tennessee with an aggregate of 535 men, and the comment: "The 6 <sup>th</sup> Tennessee Has an excellent Colonel, with good officers. <sup>i</sup>
<u>To Nov., 1862</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Brigade, District of West Virginia, Dept. of the Ohio Ordered to Louisville, Ky., thence to Cincinnati, Ohio, and Nashville, Tenn. <sup>ii</sup>
Nov. 13, 1862	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> regiments were ordered to Cincinnati, Ohio, thence to Bowling Green, Kentucky with orders to report to Major General W.S. Rosecrans, commanding at Nashville. <sup>i</sup>
Dec. 12, 1862	The regiment was reported in a temporary brigade under Colonel W.E. Woodruff. <sup>i</sup>
<b><i>Dec. 14, 1862</i></b>	<b><i>Rufus M. Wood rejoined the 6<sup>th</sup> regiment on or before Dec. 14, 1862 <sup>iii</sup></i></b>
Dec. 24, 1862	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> were ordered to report to Brigadier General R.B. Mitchell, command post of Nashville. <sup>i</sup>

## Year 1863

Dec. 31, 1862 – Jan. 2, 1863

Battle of Stone River

Till Jan., 1863      Duty at Nashville <sup>ii</sup>

Jan. & Feb, 1863      Pri. Hardie appears as present on Company Muster Roll, Co. G, 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't East Tenn. Inf. Perkin, copyist <sup>iii</sup>

Jan. 3, 1863      It left Nashville as a rearguard for an ammunition and hospital train under Colonel Daniel McCook, had a skirmish with Confederate General Joseph Wheeler's Cavalry near the Asylum, six miles from Nashville, and joined brigadier General Spears at Murfreesboro. At the time it reported 12 officers, 213 men and was placed in General Spear's 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade. <sup>i</sup>

To Jan., 1863      1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, (Centre), 14<sup>th</sup> Army Corps, Army of Cumberland <sup>ii</sup>

Jan. 2 –3, 1863      Guard Trains from Nashville to Murfreesboro <sup>ii</sup>

Jan. 3, 1863      Action at Cox's or Blood's Hill <sup>ii</sup> ( I have not located)(AEB)

Jan. 5, 1863      Manchester Pike <sup>ii</sup> ( I think this is same route U.S. Hwy. 41 now follows)(AEB)

*Jan. 19, 1863      Rufus M. Wood died at Murfreesboro, Tn. Age 36  
Appears on Muster-out Roll dated Nashville, Tenn. May 17, 1865: Last paid to due from enlistment.  
Last settled not settled; drawn since \$33.78  
Book mark 715 D. 1885- died Jan. 20, 1863  
(Note: the muster-out roll's date of death is Jan. 20, 1862 I feel is incorrect. He enlisted Apr. 18, 1862) <sup>iii</sup>*

*Jan. 19, 1863      Inventory of the effects of Rufus M. Wood late of company G, Sixth Regiment of East Tennessee Volunteers Infantry Who died near Murfreesboro, Tenn. the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1863*

*Camp near Murfreesboro  
January the 27<sup>th</sup> 1863*

*Inventory of the effects of Rufus M. Wood (?) Private in Co. G, 6<sup>th</sup> Reg. E. T. V. I. Who died at Camps near Murfreesboro, Tenn of Fever January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1863.*

*1 Blanket*



1 Great Coat  
 1 Pair Boots  
 1 Shirt  
 ???????  
 1 Cap  
 1 Pair Stockings  
 Pay due from enrolment , Cash amount of clothing drawn  
 \$22.98  
 ??????????  
 of a court Martial three months and four days from ??  
 Sept. 10, 1862  
 I certify that the above is a true Inventory of the deceased Rufus  
 M. Wood, a Private in Co. G, 6, Rgt., E.T.V. I.

Attest F.H. Bounds, Capt.  
Co. G, 6, Rgt. E.T.V.I.

James M. Armstrong, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Co. (B) 6<sup>th</sup> Regt. E. Tenn. Vol.  
 Infantry  
 A.E. Murphy, 1<sup>st</sup> Lut. Co(G) 6 Regiment E Tennessee Vols  
 Infantry <sup>iii</sup>

April 13, 1863

**CASUALTY SHEET**

Death Jan. 19, 1863

Inventory sheet sent 2<sup>nd</sup> auditors, April 13, 1863

Name: Rufus M. Wood, rank \_\_\_\_\_ Company G

Regiment: 6<sup>th</sup> arm Infantry State East Tennessee

Nature of Casualty: Death; Cause of casualty Fever

From what source this information obtained ; Vol 3 Register of  
 Deceased soldiers USA year 1865: By whom certified, Capt.

Bounds; Dated of Discharge, Death, etc. January 19, 1863;

place of death, near Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Gardner Griswold, clerk

**Year 1865**

Feb. 1, 1865

Final Statement of Rufus M. Wood received at the Adjutant  
 General's Office. Duplicate , with inventory sent ?? Auditop

Statement is as follows;

I, certify, on honor, that Rufus M. Wood, a Private of  
 Captain F. H. Bounds Company G of the Sixth Regiment of

*The said Rufus M. Wood pay due from Enrollment pay due him from that time to present date; he is entitled to pay and subsistence for Traveling to place of enrollment, and whatever other allowances are authorized to volunteer soldiers, drafted men, or militia, so discharged. He has received from the United States Clothing amounting to 22 98/100 dollars, since the 18 day of April 1862*

*Given in Duplicate, at Clifton, Tennessee, this 16 day of January, 1865*

*Arthur E. Murphy 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.  
Company G 6<sup>th</sup> Ten Inft.  
Commanding Company<sup>iii</sup>*

*April 3, 1865*

*Rufus m Wood of Co. G, 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't. Tenn. Vols., appears on a "War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington" report as follows. The charge of desertion on roll from enrollment to Aug. 31, 1862 and of Sept. 10, 1862 against this man is removed under provisions of the act of Congress, approved July 5, 1884. He was absent without proper authority from Sept. 10, 1862, to Dec. 14, 1862. Summy; Copiest<sup>iii</sup>*

*April 8, 1885*

*Rufus M. Wood, Co "G", 6<sup>th</sup> reg't. Tenn. Vols. Book mark: 715 D. 1885; War Department; Adjutant General's Office, Washington. April 3, 1885. The charge of desertion on roll from enrollment to Aug. 31, 1862 and of Sept. 10, 1862 against this man is removed under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved July 5, 1884. He was absent without proper authority from Sept. 10, 1862, to Dec. 14, 1862.*

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Tn. I have heard other soldiers with families were doing the same. Once he felt that his family was taken care of he returned to his company that was some where North of Nashville, Tn. around December 14, 1862.

2<sup>nd</sup> He left he company because of illness. My Grandfather (on my father's side) had a younger brother, Thomas Wilson Marshall Brown, who according to family lore, went to Kentucky to enlist in the Union Army we think close to the beginning of the Civil War in 1862. Our family lore says he became sick with the consumption and came home. He then died Feb. 18, 1866. The consumption was alleged to be Tuberculosis.

Rufus died form the fever is all we know at this time. We do not know if it was Tuberculosis. He could have become sick, decided to go home and get well, then after he felt better he would return to his company. This he did returning around Dec. 14, 1862. Living out doors aggravated his condition. He died a month and a half later, Jan. 19, 1863.

He is now buried in Stone River National Cemetery; Sec. F; Grave No. 2243; Murfreesboro, TN.